

Mammalia except human beings. However, this section shall not apply to the following activities:

- (1) The lawful taking of animals under the jurisdiction and regulation of the Wildlife Resources Commission, except that this section shall apply to those birds exempted by the Wildlife Resources Commission from its definition of 'wild birds' pursuant to G.S. ~~113-129(15a);~~ 113-129(15a).
- (2) Lawful activities conducted for purposes of biomedical research or training or for purposes of production of ~~livestock or poultry;~~ livestock, poultry, or aquatic species.
- (2a) Lawful activities conducted for the primary purpose of providing food for human or animal consumption.
- (3) Activities conducted for lawful veterinary purposes; or purposes.
- (4) The lawful destruction of any animal for the purposes of protecting the public, other animals, property, or the public health."

Section 9. G.S. 113-173(j) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(5) A person may take fish for recreational purposes by means of a gig without holding a RCGL."

Section 10. Section 6 of this act is effective 30 June 1999. Sections 7, 8, and 10 of this act are effective when this act becomes law. All other sections of this act become effective 1 July 1999. Section 4 of this act expires 1 October 2000.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of June, 1999.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 3:30 p.m. on the 24th day of June, 1999.

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AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT TREATMENT OR SERVICES RENDERED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS SHALL BE REIMBURSABLE UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN AND OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 50 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 58-50-26. Physician services provided by physician assistants.

No agency, institution, or physician providing a service for which payment or reimbursement is required to be made under a policy governed by Articles 1 through 64 of this Chapter shall be denied the payment or reimbursement on account of the fact that the services were rendered through a physician assistant acting under the authority of rules adopted by the North Carolina Medical Board pursuant to G.S. 90-18.1."

Section 2. G.S. 58-50-30 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-50-30. *Discrimination forbidden; right to choose services of optometrist, podiatrist, certified clinical social worker, dentist, chiropractor, psychologist,*